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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Thomas BAYER

Appl. No.: NEW NATIONAL PHASE
APPLICATION IN THE
UNITED STATES

Group:

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Examiner:

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
SORTING ITEMS OF MAIL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

April 1, 2002

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, the following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

A, --3. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the contents of the database sections are stored in memories which are fitted to the relevant containers (16) and which can be written to and read from, said memories being read out before the items of mail are put into the sorting machines for the second and further sorting passes and being put into the control systems of these sorting machines.--